tion Corps officers.

Rank and precedence.

Transfer of Construction Corps of the Senate, to transfer and appoint officers of the Construction Corps of the Navy who are applicants to the corresponding rank and grade in the line of the Navy for the performance of aeronautical engineering duty only. Each officer of the Construction Corps so transferred

and appointed shall have the lineal position and precedence in the line which he would have held had he remained in the line or had his original appointment been in the line except that no officer shall have his existing relative rank, precedence, or seniority in the Construction Corps altered by such transfer. Any officer of the Con-

To be carried as additional numbers.

struction Corps so transferred and appointed and any line officer designated for the performance of aeronautical engineering duty only shall be carried as an additional number in the grade in which he is serving, and to which he may hereafter be promoted, and, except as otherwise provided in this Act, the performance of duty, succession to command, selection for promotion, examination for promotion, promotion, and retirement of such officers shall be governed by the provisions of existing law and of laws hereafter enacted relating to line officers assigned to engineering duty only.

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Existing provisions to govern.

[CHAPTER 176.]

AN ACT

June 5, 1935. [H. R. 6372.] Public, No. 97.1

To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in connection with the Cabeza de Vaca Expedition and the opening of the Old Spanish Trail.

orate, authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Cabeza de Vaca Ex- United States of America in Congress assembled, That to indicate pedition, etc.

Coinage to commemthe interest of the Government of the United States in commemorating the four hundredth anniversary of the Expedition of Cabeza de Vaca and the opening of the Old Spanish Trail, there shall be coined by the Director of the Mint silver 50-cent pieces to the number of not more than ten thousand, of standard weight and fineness and of a special appropriate design to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, but the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the

No Federal expense for dies, etc.

models for master dies or other preparations for this coinage. SEC. 2. That the coins herein authorized shall be issued at par and only upon the request of the chairman of the El Paso Museum Committee.

Disposition.

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Sec. 3. Such coins may be disposed of at par or at a premium by said committee and all proceeds shall be used in furtherance of the El Paso Museum.

Coinage laws appli-Sec. 4. That all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same; regulating and guarding the process of coinage; providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of the coins; for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting; for security of the coin; or for any other purposes, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable. apply to the coinage herein directed.

Approved, June 5, 1935.